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APPEAL

The economic, social and political crises in Turkey are deepening. This process is reflecting itself in mounting contradictions in parliament, the government, within and amongst the bourgeois parties, and in all spheres of society. In connection with this is the increasing threat of fascism which receives support from imperialism.

The government cannot satisfy even the immediate demands of our people. Most of all, it cannot ensure security of life. It is bowing to the impositions of imperialism and the collaborating bourgeoisie, imposing the burden of the crisis upon the backs of the working class and the labouring masses and intensifying the national repression against the Kurdish people. The anti-democratic laws providing for the use of force and the "emergency laws" being worked up are aimed in this direction. The government's hypocritical attitude, its pro-NATO policies, martial law and austerity measures are causing it to lose the support of the people and exhausting its strength. This policy is providing opportunities for the Justice Party (JP) and the fascist Nationalist Action Party (NAP) to gather their forces, for fascist allies to strengthen their positions in the reactionary parties, and for them to establish closer ties with the most militarist circles like the Elverdis and Türüns. These circles are striving to establish the open dictatorship of the most terrorist section of the collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie and in this way to further consolidate the hegemony of imperialism over our country. With this aim, they are preparing the atmosphere for a military fascist coup. Besides this, the ruling circles want to stitch together from the bourgeois parties a "broadly based government", a front of aggression against the working class and our people.

The collaborating monopoly bourgeoisie's tactics and policies can be defeated. The fascist threat can be halted. There are forces in our country which can stop the fascist escalation. The working class and the labouring masses of Turkey are participating in anti-imperialist, anti-fascist actions with increasing frequency. The mass demonstrations in Kocaeli, İzmir, Manisa and İskenderun, the protest actions in İstanbul and other martial law areas, the glorious resistance of the Söke agricultural workers, and the courageous SODA workers' Mersin to Ankara march, reflect our people's rising struggle against NATO, imperialist pressures, fascist attacks, martial law, and exploitation by the monopolies. At the moment, half a million workers are at the threshold of a sharpening class struggle against the domestic and foreign monopolies in the course of upcoming collective bargaining. These struggles of the working class will open new possibilities in our struggle for national independence and democracy. In this situation, the elections in October will sharpen political and social contradictions.

The Communist Party of Turkey (TKP) is marching in the front ranks of the masses' struggles. The TKP's programme, its Leninist policy in these struggles, are being adopted by the masses. The TKP is showing to our people the way out of the crisis. The establishment of a united front of all national democratic forces in the coming stage will ensure the victory of the advanced democratic revolution.

Resistance against the threat born of the deep crisis which our country is undergoing, and the use of the possibilities created by the crisis for advanced and revolutionary aims, also depends first and foremost on the establishment of unity of action of the working class and all national democratic forces around immediate tasks. The unity of action of left forces in particular is of extreme importance in raising mass struggles and changing the balance of forces.

The TKP ascribes great value of unity of action realised in the struggles of the masses in many places. Every action on the part of the TKP, the Workers' Party of Turkey (TİP), Socialist Workers' Party of Turkey (TSİP) members, Republican People's Party (RPP) patriots, Kurdish democrats and other revolutionary forces, deals a sharp blow to reactionary and fascist attacks. Failure to realise unity of action is in the interest only of the enemies of the people.

The TKP is totally opposed to the RPP right-wing leadership's anti-communist attitude directed against all progressive forces, and its policy of dialogue with reactionary and fascist parties. All RPP members must come out against such a policy which further aggravates the fascist danger. The TKP regards the inconclusive results of the socialist parties' attempts to solve the political differences between them as a negative factor in establishing the unity of action of the working class. Just as in regard to unity between communists and socialists, the TKP supports every initiative towards unity among the socialist parties that is divorced from anti-TKP attitudes and based on the interests of the working class.

In the coming period, the TKP is ready to establish unity of action with everyone and every organisation, in particular with those who share the objectives listed below: Mass organisation to defend the people's security of life against fascist attacks, to defend their democratic rights and freedoms against repression and violence. Raising actions for national independence and peace against the demands of imperialism and NATO, the American bases, bilateral agreements, U-2 spying planes and neutron bombs. Defending and advancing the gains won in collective bargaining by the working class in its struggle against the monopolies. To push back the reactionary and fascist forces and to attain the common success of communists, socialists and other anti-imperialist and anti-fascist political forces in the coming elections. These aims can be achieved only through mass struggles relying on unity of action.

The TKP calls all national democratic forces to unity in this struggle.

Central Committee.

9 July 1979

Communist Party of Turkey

JOINT STATEMENT

Delegations of the Communist Party of France (PCF) and the Communist Party of Turkey (TKP) held a meeting and issued the following joint statement:

On the invitation of the Communist Party of France, a TKP delegation led by comrade Ahmet Saydan, member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of Turkey, met a delegation from the PCF led by comrade Claude Poperen, member of the PCF Political Bureau, and including Antoine Porcu, member of parliament for Meurthe-et-Moselle, Bruno Battoglia, member of the party's Immigrant Workers' Section, and Roger Trugnan, member of its international section. The delegations paid particular attention to matters relating to the defence of democratic rights and freedoms.

In this regard, the TKP expressed its deep anxiety over the situation in Turkey which, after the fall of the last dictatorships in Europe, and under a government which calls itself social democratic, remains the only country on the continent that compels the Communist Party to function illegally. In Turkey, the pressures of imperialism and the reactionary forces supported by it are increasing. Fascist commandos are continuing their attacks and daily crimes. They take as their target, first of all communist militants, besides them socialists, trade-unionists, progressive intellectuals and youth. Instead of prosecuting those responsible for these barbaric actions, the government is taking repressive measures which are encouraging them. In the martial law provinces in particular, demonstrations are banned. Trade-union leaders are being arrested. Legal democratic organisations are being closed, representatives of democratic publications are being prosecuted, as the most fundamental freedoms are being trampled. Under these conditions, the TKP is trying to form a broad front of all anti-imperialist, anti-fascist, national and democratic forces. The Communist Party of France declares once again its complete support for the TKP's struggle to become legal. It supports the struggle of the democrats and patriots of Turkey, a struggle which has assumed broad dimensions under the most difficult conditions.

On the international level, both parties attribute great value to action on the part of all peace forces to stop the arms race. They deplore the attempts of imperialism to sabotage detente with efforts to establish a European army of new American military bases in Turkey as part of its reorganisation of its strategic system in the region. They take pride in all steps towards disarmament and confirm once again their mutual desire to aid this development.

The PCF and the TKP note with pleasure that their relationship has further strengthened. They believe that the development of the bonds of friendship uniting them is in the mutual interests of the two parties, as well as in the interests of the workers and peoples of the two countries. For this reason, the parties have decided to strengthen further the cooperation and fraternal solidarity between them.

Paris 27 June 1979

IPEKÇİ'S MURDERER IS APPREHENDED: THE BLOODY FACE OF THE NAP

The murderer of A. Ipekçi, the editor of "Milliyet" newspaper, Mehmet Ali Ağca, and his accomplice Yavuz Çaylan, have been arrested. From the statement he gave and the evidence that has been collected, it is clear that Ağca is a professional murderer who is trying to hide his ties with the fascist

Nationalist Action Party (NAP). Yavuz Çaylan, his accomplice, confessed that they had gone to the NAP's headquarters in Aksaray after the murder. A search of the murderer's home in Malatya revealed a bank book showing that 100.000TL had been deposited to murderer's account 15 days before the murder. Together with this, were found pictures of Türkeş and publications of the NAP. At the same time, Rifat Yıldırım, the murderer of Bedrettin Cömert, a lecturer, was arrested in Burdur together with the leader of the Idealist Youth Organisation (ÜGD). In Burdur, fascist NAP and ÜGD members made an armed attack against Mehmet Öztürk, the provincial leader of the Socialist Workers' Party (TSIP). Öztürk was taken to hospital gravely wounded. Again in Burdur, fascists bombed the buildings of the TSIP, the Progressive Youth Organisation (İGD), and the offices of two affiliates, of the Confederation of Revolutionary Trade Unions (DISK), Gıda-İş and Genel-İş.

In Bursa, Cengiz Göral, a lawyer, member of the Bursa Bar and a former executive member of the provincial Republican People's Party (RPP), and in Giresun, Alaattin Aydemir, also a lawyer, were murdered by fascists. In Bafra, fascists killed Atilla Çelebi, an İSTA Çorum reporter and İGD (Progressive Youth Organisation) member. In this case it was found that the Mayor of Bafra aided the fascist murderers. In the Gaziosmanpaşa district of Istanbul fascists killed Orhan Ateşsaçan, an İGD member and leader of the local Community Centre. ÜGD fascists have started a new slaughter campaign at the Istanbul Atatürk Education Institute. A lecturer, Recep Taşçı was killed and 16 wounded, 4 seriously, in a bomb explosion at the Institute. A fascist monster, Veli Can Oduncu, and 15 fascist murderers in the Üsküdar Paşakapısı Prison murdered Hüseyin Er, a member of the Metal Workers' Union (Maden-İş), and gravely wounded 3 workers. It was later discovered that this political murder in the prison had been planned beforehand and that guns and opportunities had been provided for the murderers. In Iskenderun, fascists killed a youth who had left the fascist ÜGD, under orders to "kill those who turn back". In Ankara, the fascists who had bombed the People's Cooperative building also placed a bomb in the RPP provincial headquarters in Kırıkkale. This fascist, who was later apprehended, said that this "task" had been given to him by the leader of the Kırıkkale Idealist Association.

It was discovered that Ergin Ergügören, a member of the Beşiktaş NAP who lead numerous armed attacks and robberies is a National Intelligence Agency (MIT) agent who was taken into MIT when the Demirel and Türkeş government had the agency in their hands. At present there are six court cases concerning the NAP. In a case against members of the fascist NAP's General Management Committee regarding a declaration they had published, the Ankara 6th Criminal Court established that the fascists had attempted to incite a fascist coup. Their case has been referred to the Martial Law Court.

The most reactionary sections of monopoly capital have started operations to save the blood-spattered NAP. The MESS bosses (the confederation of employers in the metal industry) and leaders of MİSK, the fascist trade-union confederation, have openly taken a stand behind the NAP. At the same time, RPP right-wing leaders, also under the control of monopoly-capital, held a dialogue with the NAP on Turkish Radio and Television (TRT). The public prosecutor, Kâzım Akdoğan, declared that pressures and threats are

being used to prevent the opening of a court case to close down the NAP.

The TKP has issued a call condemning the wrong attitude of RPP and government leaders and calling communists, socialists, RPP'ers and Kurdish democrats to a joint mass anti-fascist demonstration to demand that the NAP and its organisations be closed.

The Workers' Party (TIP) and the Socialist Workers' Party (TSIP) have issued statements condemning attempts on the part of RPP and government leaders and President Korutürk to clear the NAP, and emphasised that what should be discussed is not a dialogu with the NAP, but a struggle against it. They stressed the necessity to close down the fascist NAP. Trade unions affiliated to DISK, the Teachers' Association (TOB-DER), Progressive Youth Organisation (IGD), Progressive Women's Organisation (IKD), the Youth Vanguard (Genç-Öncü) newspaper, the Socialist Youth Union, TUS-DER, TUM-DER, TUTED, TUMAS, TUMOD, TRAT-DER, the Village Coops (Köy-Koop), RPP organisations, the Progressive Police Association (POL-DER), the Peace Committee, the Association of Bars and other democratic organisations and centres in many cities and provinces are holding mass anti-fascist demonstrations and publishing joint statements in united action to ensure security of life and to close the fascist NAP.

THE IKD MARCH

On 28 April 1978 the Istanbul Martial Law Command prohibited the activities of the IKD, the Progressive Women's Organisation which has 33 branches and 35 representations across the country. The organisation's offices were closed down.

Neither the Martial Law Command nor the government issued any document in relation to or gave any reason for this measure despite many requests.

The closure of the IKD evoked wide reaction on both a national and an international scale. Progressive women decided to organise large protests against this anti-democratic measure on the part of the RPP-dominated government, a measure implemented through martial law authorities. An Organising Committee made up of democratic organisations including representatives of the IKD organised a "Great Women's March" from Izmir and Istanbul-Izmit to Ankara, under the slogans: "The Progressive Women's Movement cannot be Halted!" and "Open the IKD!". In Ankara 30, Istanbul 14, and Izmir 24 trade unions and democratic organisations declared their support for the march. More than 50 lawyers from the Istanbul Bar have appealed to the Council of State for the opening of the IKD.

Making a statement in the name of the Organising Committee, Beria Önger said: "It has been a source of the utmost pride and strength for us to see in the past three months since the activities of the IKD were halted, the degree to which the progressive women's movement has become rooted in Turkey and how women in all parts of the country have come forward on behalf of their own organisations."

THE MINIONS OF PEKING ARE BEING ROUTED

The Peking agent Perincek and his accomplices have been routed in their attempt to organise an evening for the purpose of raising their activities in Ereğli in the Black Sea area to a new level, hindering the development of mass trade-unionism and the unity of action of progressive, patriotic forces. Faced with great pressure against this attempt from Iron and Steel workers and all progressives, the Governor did not give permission for the Maoist "Turkish Workers' and Peasants' Party" (TIKP) to hold the evening.

A similar attempt on the part of the TIKP, Peking's servant party, to make a show of strength in Samandağ was met with the anti-fascist and anti-imperialist consciousness of the people of Samandağ. Progressive, patriotic and revolutionary youth of the IGD and the SGB, as well as branches of other democratic organisations, exposed the hidden face of the Maoists once again.

Nor did the working people show any interest in the Maoists' "Hazelnut Meeting" in Ordu. In Ordu as well, the TIKP leaders remained isolated in their attempts to bring over the bourgeoisie under the control of monopoly capital. Thus, each meeting organised by the Maoists for the purpose of diverting into th channels of reactionary forces the anti-imperialist struggle and the people's reaction against the pressures and impositions of American imperialism, was a defeat for them.

THE ANTI-DEMOCRATIC PRESSURES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND MARTIAL LAW ARE CONTINUING

The arrest of TUS-DER (Health Personnel) leaders for possession of a calendar from Konuk publications, freely sold in the market, evoked protests across the country. Joint statements by democratic organisations in Istanbul, Ankara, Bursa, Izmir, Zonguldak and many other cities condemn the anti-democratic pressures of the government and martial law, point out that these serve only the interests of the fascist terror centres and reaction, and demand the immediate release of the TUS-DER leaders. Joint telegraphs to the Prime Minister from the Progressive Youth Organisation (IGD) in LICE, the Teachers' Association (TOB-DER), the Lice Peasants' Solidarity Committee, the Lice TUS-DER representative, the Progressive Women's Organisation (IKD) and TUM-DER, demanded the immediate release of the TUS-DER leaders.

Democratic organisations in Diyarbakır protested against torture of prisoners, the police's man-hunt in the city, and the national repression and terror against Kurdish peasants. In Ergani, trade unions, TOB-DER teachers and democratic organisations protested the arrest of 17 teachers, 100 students and the representative of the second district of Bank-Sen (Bank employees' union) and the taking under surveillance of the union's second district representative and organiser, all for being present at a ceremony to mark the first anniversary of the fascists' murder of Fahrettin Yılmaz at the Istanbul Atatürk Education Institute.

THE RESISTANCE AND SOLIDARITY OF THE SODA WORKERS ARE VICTORIOUS

The SODA workers who marched the hundreds of kilometres to Ankara together with their wives and children and meeting support from working people and democratic organisations all along the way, brought their just struggle to a victorious conclusion, forcing the employers' to recognise their rights. With this struggle the SODA workers reclaimed the most natural and democratic right, the right to work. As is known, the Martial Law Command prohibited the SODA workers from entering Ankara. During the course of the march itself, reactionary provincial governors and local officials, police and gendarmes resorted to pressures and threats to prevent the march. In the face of this, the TKP, TIP (Workers' Party), TSIP (Socialist Workers' Party), progressive RPP members, trade unions affiliated to DISK (the Confederation of Revolutionary Trade Unions, and district and central bodies of democratic organisations including Köy-Koop (the peasants' cooperative), Halk-evleri (community centres), the IGD, IKD and TOB-DER, conducted a great campaign of solidarity with the SODA workers. The TKP salutes the consciousness and resolution showed by the SODA workers in their just struggle and the self-sacrificing solidarity of all working people.

NEGATIVE RESULTS OF THE TIP-TSIP DISCUSSIONS

The "unity discussions" recently conducted by the TIP (Workers' Party) and TSIP (Socialist Workers' Party) have come to a negative conclusion. In statements issued separately each socialist party claimed that the other's attitude in the discussions are wrong.

TKP publications have noted the negative results of these discussions were which each side presents differently and pointed out that the failure to achieve unity among the socialist parties, just as the failure to achieve unity of action between communists and socialists, benefits the reactionary forces. TKP statements have declared that the TKP supports and will continue to support all manner of attempts to establish unity among the socialist parties that are not based on anti-communism and which are in the interests of the working class.

